

**ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME  
DIVISION OF COMMERCIAL FISHERIES  
NEWS RELEASE**



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**2012 Kuskokwim Bay Salmon Fishery News Release 16  
Districts 4 and 5 to Open to Commercial Salmon Fishing**

This is an announcement from the Alaska Department of Fish and Game at Bethel for commercial salmon fishermen in the Kuskokwim Area.

**District 4, Quinhagak**

**District 4, Quinhagak, will open to commercial salmon fishing for 12 hours from 9:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m. on Monday, August 27, 2012 and again for 12 hours from 9:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 29, 2012.**

Preliminary harvest reports from the August 24 opening indicate a harvest of 3,907 coho; 25 chum; 6 sockeye; and 3 Chinook salmon from 48 permits. Coho salmon harvest and catch rate were average for that date.

In District 4 subsistence salmon fishing will be closed 8 hours before, during, and 4 hours after each commercial fishing period.

**District 5, Goodnews Bay**

**District 5, Goodnews Bay, will open to commercial salmon fishing for 12 hours from 9:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m. on Monday, August 27, 2012 and again for 12 hours from 9:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 29, 2012.**

Preliminary harvest reports from the August 24 opening indicate a harvest of 2,144 coho; 56 sockeye; and 3 chum salmon from 21 permits. The coho salmon harvest and harvest rate were average for that date.

In District 5 subsistence salmon fishing will be closed 8 hours before, during, and 4 hours after each commercial fishing period.

The Department will be closely monitoring commercial fishing periods to assess fishery performance and anticipates announcing additional commercial fishing periods as warranted. Further announcements will be made from the Bethel Fish and Game office, on the state web site (<http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=cfnews.main>), and local radio stations. News releases will be faxed to area villages and local fish processing companies.

For additional information or questions regarding Districts 4 and 5 and Kuskokwim Area fisheries, contact the Alaska Department of Fish and Game office in the Bethel at 543-2433 or toll free at 855-933-2433.

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